

REFORM IN THE BALLOT IS TO COME

General Assembly Sure to Give It Attention This Year—Pure Australian System is Urged for Adoption.

Resolution Introduced For Bipartisan Commission to Report on Abandonment of Old Penitentiary.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Ballot reform is to receive unusual attention from the general assembly this winter. Republican leaders say primary reform is certain to come this year. Another reform that is being agitated is the adoption of what is known as the "pure Australian ballot system." Under this method, which now is in successful operation in Massachusetts and Minnesota, the voter must mark on his ballot the name of every man for whom he desires to vote.

The senate got down to business at the short session it held today and several bills were introduced. The house devoted its morning session to business connected with the organization. A number of members went to the afternoon session, their pockets bulging out with bills they proposed to introduce at once. They were disconcerted when Mr. Yost, the Democratic leader, thwarted their plan by moving an adjournment till next Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

The new rules of the house provide for afternoon sessions on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays and for morning sessions on Fridays. One of the recommendations in Governor Herlick's message to the general assembly bore fruit in the senate today in the introduction of a joint resolution by Senator Ward of Cleveland, providing for the appointment by the governor of a bi-parisan commission of six members, whose duty it shall be to inquire into and make suitable recommendations to the present assembly in regard to the abandonment of the present Ohio penitentiary, the purchase of a site and the construction of new buildings.

Senator Williams of Cleveland introduced the first bill of the session providing for the extension to three years of the terms of office of the 77th general assembly and the officers of the executive department. Senator Hoffman of Butler county introduced a bill for compulsory primary elections for the nomination of all city, county and township officers, including members of the political central committees. It does away with conventions and leaves the selection of candidates in the hands of the voters.

Other bills ready for introduction provide for the knocking out of use fee system for county officials; for the repeal of the inheritance tax, and for reduction of steam railroad fare to two cents a mile.

FAWCETT ELECTED

President of Board of Workhouse Directors.

The new board of directors of the Stark county workhouse met at the institution Tuesday morning and elected Judge J. P. Fawcett of Canton, president and Peter Smith, secretary. The board is made up of Mr. Fawcett, Mr. Smith, Peter Obringer, of Canton, John Shoemaker, of Massillon, and Harry Joseph, of Alliance. Dr. C. E. Echling was elected physician and Rev. Highway was elected chaplain.

The board appointed guards as follows: Captain of the guards, Andrew G. Wieland; night guard, Henry Menegay; day guards, Joseph Patt, John Muckley, Adam Jackman; enginier, Wm. Crubaugh; cook, Kie Numan.

Whitefish and salmon trout are almost extinct in Canadian waters. The few remaining are being destroyed by the German carp, which breed about fifteen times as fast as the whitefish.

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MISS BUCHER DEAD

Was One of Canton's Pioneer Residents—Funeral Services Thursday.

Miss Katherine Bucher, one of Canton's oldest residents died at the Antman Home for Women at the age of 68 years, Tuesday morning at 3:30. She was at the time of her death a resident of the home and was born in a building on the site now occupied by the Barnett hotel. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bucher who were pioneer residents of this locality and she herself was always a resident of Canton.

For the past four months she had been suffering considerably, death finally resulting from a complication of diseases.

Miss Bucher is survived by a sister, Mrs. Amelia Halligh, and was a sister of the late John and Cornelius Bucher.

BEGIN REFORMS

THREE INSURANCE COMPANIES START NEW YEAR DIFFERENTLY

Agreement Reached to Stop Rebating of Premiums and Former President Grover Cleveland Is Made Referee.

New York, Jan. 2.—Reform in the life insurance business has commenced in earnest. Three of the big companies, the New York Life, the Equitable and the Mutual, have entered into an agreement with one another that rebating of premiums must cease, and any agent found rebating will be summarily dismissed from the company's service and will not be re-employed by any of the companies that are parties to the agreement. All questions in dispute in regard to such matters will be referred to former President Grover Cleveland, who have been chosen as referee, with a salary of \$12,000 per annum, to be paid jointly by the three companies. This is the position once occupied by the Hon. Thomas B. Reed.

It is the intention of the three big companies to secure the co-operation of all life insurance companies in this agreement. Mr. Cleveland has agreed to accept the position with the distinct understanding that he is to be seconded in his efforts to stop rebating by the officers of all the companies participating in the agreement.

There is an opinion among officers and agents that if rebating can be entirely abolished first year's premiums can be reduced.

BIG FINANCIERS

WERE PLACED ON THE CARPET TO TESTIFY

Grand Jury Finds Presentments Against Former Officials of the Maryland Trust Company.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 2.—The grand jury has found presentments against three former officers of the Maryland Trust Company serving at the time their company went into the hands of a receiver. One of these, Henry J. Bowdoin, was arrested this afternoon. Mr. Bowdoin was the vice president of the company at the time of its failure.

The presentment is based on alleged negligence in the management of the company's affairs in that department over which he had jurisdiction. The greatest secrecy is being maintained as to the identity of the other officials accused.

The grand jury has been investigating the affairs of the company for the last month. Prominent financiers, brokers, officials and employees of the company have been ordered before the body to testify concerning the management of the company prior to its failure.

The Maryland Trust company went into the hands of a receiver on October 19, 1903. The company has been reorganized and a few days ago reopened its doors with a capital of \$1,000,000.

DESERTED CHILDREN

WIFE OF JOHN J. YOUNG SEEKS AID OF POLICE IN LOCATING HIM

Charges Him With Failure to Support Two Minor Children—Now Located at Watertown, N. Y.

Left alone with two little children to support, Christina Young of 1733 Bank street has sought the aid of the police department in locating John J. Young, her husband, who disappeared sometime ago, without leaving his address.

About a week ago Mrs. Young interviewed Chief of Police McClelland and asked his assistance in locating her husband. She gave him a picture of Young and his last address, which was Cleveland. Chief McClelland sent the picture to Chief of Police Fred Kohler of Cleveland, together with a warrant charging non-support.

Early Tuesday morning Chief McClelland received the picture and warrant, together with a note from Chief Kohler. In this the Cleveland official stated that Young had left the city and gone to Watertown, N. Y., where he is employed at the Watertown Spring works.

ANOTHER SUIT

AGAINST THE CANTON BRIDGE COMPANY

Judgment of \$108,422.97 Asked by Huron County Taxpayers—Clark Will Probated.

H. L. Stewart, a tax payer of Huron county, has filed a suit in common pleas court against the Canton Bridge company for \$108,422.97. He claims the defendant company secured \$36,140 on bridge contracts in Huron county and with the penal sum for two-fold damages as provided by the statutes brings the total amount into six figures. The petition includes 20 causes of action. It is made up of the usual charges, as in the several suits recently filed in Stark county and other courts. Interrogatories are attached for replies from officials of the company. The plaintiff has as his attorneys Former Attorney General F. S. Monnett, H. C. Deitan and H. L. Stewart.

BY CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS. The State of Ohio on relation of Samantha Miller filed a suit in common pleas court Tuesday afternoon against John A. Miller, asking for the payment of alimony by contempt proceedings. Alimony was granted to the plaintiff during the last term of court and the defendant has paid only a part of it, still leaving unpaid the sum of \$55. Lorin C. Wise filed the petition.

MOTIONS OVERRULED. Tuesday morning Judge Harter overruled the motions of the Canton and Massillon Bridge companies to have portions of the charges preferred against them by Relators Clark and Schuster stricken out as being irrelevant.

CLARK WILL PROBATED. The will of W. W. Clark was probated Tuesday morning and citation to the widow has been ordered. The estate is valued at \$80,000, the bulk going to the widow. No requests to pay the institutions were made.

COMMISSIONERS' MEETING. The usual bills were ordered paid at the regular meeting of the board of county commissioners Tuesday morning. The largest amount allowed was \$877.50 to the Canton Bridge company for repairing Ely street bridge in Alliance and building a raft on the East Ninth street bridge in Canton.

PAYNTER WINS

DEFEATS BLACKBURN FOR SENATOR FROM KENTUCKY.

Victory Confirms Governor Beckham's Control of the Democratic Party in His State—Only One Ballot Needed.

Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 2.—The Hon. Thomas H. Paynter, friend of Governor Beckham and one of the best known Democrats in the state of Kentucky will succeed the Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn as United States senator from Kentucky. Judge Paynter was chosen as the Democratic candidate at the caucus of the majority members of the general assembly held here tonight. The Paynter men were in the saddle and rode rough shod over their opponents, Paynter winning on the first ballot which resulted as follows: Paynter, 59; Hon. J. C. S. Blackburn, 33; W. B. Holde, 10; D. H. Smith, 1.

The victory of the Paynter faction was forecasted by their success in organizing the house earlier in the day and it confirms Governor Beckham's control of the Democratic party in the state.

In both houses of the General Assembly today the caucus nominees were elected and the regular business of the body was begun. Hon. Henry R. Lawrence, a lieutenant of Judge Paynter was chosen speaker of the house and Hon. Henry George, of Graves county was chosen speaker of the senate.

THE SCHOOL MARM

Was Bouncer Extraordinary and Whipped the Farmer and His Two Sons.

Lisbon, O., Jan. 2.—In a suit filed before Justice of the Peace Mullen at Millport today by Miss Elvira Heston, an athletic school teacher in a county school she reveals herself as a bouncer extraordinary. Miss Hester, it is alleged not only whipped the two sons of Boston Swaney, a farmer, but when Swaney himself came to the school and showed fight she broke his nose and fractured his jaw. Miss Hester, it appears, used a poker for her final knock out blows. Hearing rumors today that Swaney intended to enter suit against her she went before the justice and entered suit against him asking that he be bound over to keep the peace.

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MAY FURNISH CELLS

DIEBOLD SAFE & LOCK COMPANY TO GET BIG CONTRACT

Head of Construction Company Which Will Build New Jail at Montgomery, Ala., Comes to Canton for Iron Work.

It is probable that the Diebold Safe & Lock company of this city will furnish the cells for the new jail at Montgomery, Ala., which will be started within a few weeks. When completed it will be one of the best in the South.

B. C. Bynum, head of the Construction company that bears his name, held a conference yesterday with officials at the Diebold Safe & Lock company. The plans call for 150 cells. There with the old cells will give Montgomery, the county seat, a jail that will comfortably house all prisoners that are taken there.

Mr. Bynum told a news reporter before departing for Montgomery Tuesday night that more substantial buildings are being erected in the South than ever before. The South, he added, is enjoying a wave of almost unprecedented prosperity, and prospects for the future are exceptionally bright.

ALTHOUGH ESTRANGED

Yerkes Left His Millions to the Widow—Secretary Gets \$50,000.

New York, Jan. 2.—The will of the late Charles T. Yerkes is an astonishing tribute of affection to his wife, Mary Adelaide Yerkes. Despite years of long and bitter separation, a post mortem shower of gold is poured upon the widow. Nothing is withheld. Two hundred thousand dollars go to her outright, and the income of fully seven million dollars is hers for life.

Outside of his immediate family and servants Mr. Yerkes left no individual sums other than bequests to four women, resident of Chicago and old family friends, and to a female cousin living in New York. The greatest single bequest is \$50,000 to Louis S. Owsley, Mr. Yerkes' personal secretary.

UNKNOWN MAN

Met Death on the Railroad Near Salineville.

Salineville, O., Jan. 2.—With his clothing torn in shreds and horribly mutilated the remains of an unknown man were found Tuesday morning two miles below this village on the Cleveland and Pittsburgh tracks. The body was frozen rigid.

The township trustees ordered the body removed to the undertaking rooms of John Hutson where preparations were made for burial in the cemetery here.

The man was aged about 30 years. He had a dark mustache, and was fairly well dressed.

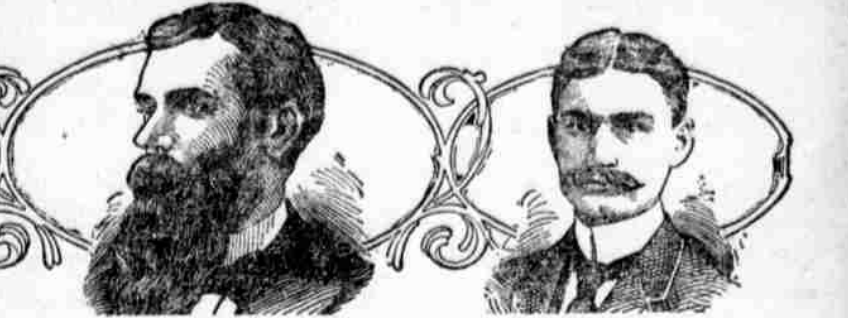
South African Superstition. Natives of Bulawayo, South Africa, have a curious belief concerning the moon. They say that he has two wives, one of whom treats him well and the other badly. During the first quarter he goes over the hills to the Zambesi and lives with the first wife, whom they call "Keep-the-Door-Open." She feeds him so well that he gets fat and full and round. But on his way back he stays at the hut of the second wife — "Shut-the-Door-Tight" — who starves and ill-treats him, so it is a very thin and woe-begone moon that finally returns to start his travels afresh.

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THE MASSILLON

BRIDGE COMPANY IS SUED FOR A BIG SUM

Seek to Recover \$301,329 Alleged to Have Been Paid Illegally for Bridges—Governor Patterson and the Inauguration.

Fremont, O., Jan. 2.—Harlan I. Stewart, an attorney and tax payer of Huron county and recently a Democratic candidate for common pleas judge in this district, filed suit against Henry Hughes, agent, and the Massillon Bridge company to recover \$301,329 for bridges alleged to have been illegally sold in Huron county.

Traction Project Renewed.

Lorain, O., Jan. 2.—The report that activity has been resumed on the Lorain & Oberlin Electric railway project, has aroused suspicion that the securing of options from Lake to North Amherst has to do with traction matters.

Can Stand Ordeal.

Columbus, O., Jan. 2.—Governor-elect Patterson will reach Columbus preparatory to his inauguration Friday or Saturday, but Mrs. Patterson will be here Thursday to prepare the new home for the coming of the chief executive. The reports as to the physical condition of the governor-elect are to the effect that while he is suffering from a persistent attack of malaria, he is well enough to undergo the ordeal of inauguration.

Dodola and Rain.

The Serbian peasants have a curious old ceremony of invoking rain, which they carry out during dry weather. The women of the village dress a girl in leaves and grass from head to foot and lead her from house to house. At each door the occupant pours a bucketful of water over her head, while her companions, who are mostly girls of her own age, chant prayers for the wished-for showers. Invisible clouds of rain are believed by the peasants to follow the girl, whom they name "Dodola," and to refresh the fields and vineyards.

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